

# WELCOME TO THE MARIN TRAILS-BUILDER AND HIKE-MAPPER (beta)

This application enables the user to browse the MarinTrails Database, to find trails of interest, and to compile a handy personal Map Book with descriptions and maps of all trails of interest. This personal map book can then be printed and carried on hikes.

The user can also help us and other Marin hikers by adding trails descriptions and photos to the database, which will then be made available to all users. By working together, users and MyMapbook staff will collaborate on a robust and detailed trails description and map database that we all can enjoy.

This user manual describes [a] how to make a personal map book and [b] how you can add your contribution to the Marin trails database.

## How to make a personal map book

1. The opening page has 3 options: **(1)Start, (2)Learn More, and (3)Listen to Roy Roger and Dale Evans (YouTube)**. The Start now option will take you to a map of Marin County with trailheads as blue dots and trails as green lines. A list of trails in alphabetical order is shown in box to the right.

2. **Select a trail.** There are two ways to select a trail, geographically and by name:

- Name:** If you know the trail's name, skip to step 4.
- Geographically:** If you do not know the trail's name but know its approximate location, you can navigate the map and select the trail from the map.
- You can zoom into your area of interest by double-clicking on the map (or using the map's zoom button).
- With your cursor, hover over a trailhead that you think might be the one you want.
- When you hover, a box will pop up with the trail name, length in miles and with three-dots underlined ( . . . )
- Click on the dots. This will open the information page for this trail.
- If you want to include this trail in your book, right click on the trail or find the trail name in the list on the right.

3. **Select Trail By Name.** Once you know the trail's name, scroll down the trail list and select it by clicking on its name on the list.

4. The trail will be prominently displayed on the screen. Its name and length will be reported in bold type in the box at the top center of the map.

5. If this is the last trail you want, move ahead, if you want more trails, go back to step 2 and select another trail.

Once you have all the trails you want for your map book....



7. Click on the button " MyMap Print" at the top left of the screen. To print your trails, you must first select the pages you want to be printed (you can print pages without trails if you wish. These pages are lighter versions of the community map book to allow the trail to overprint nicely.

8. You will see the following in the box on the right side of the screen: Features to Print. Uncheck to remove.

8. If these are the trails you wish, click the button below labelled "Make my mapbook". (if these are not the trails you want, you can uncheck those you do not want, or click 'Start Over' and then go back to step 5 above to add more trails.

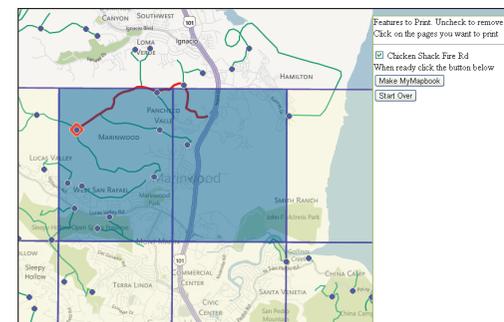
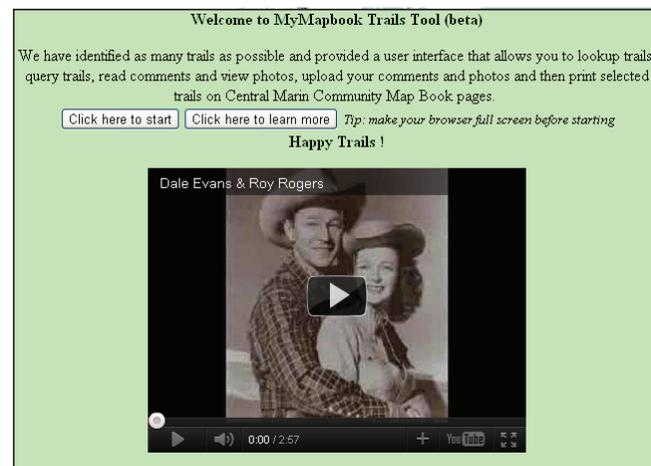
9. When you click on the button "Make my mapbook," the program will assemble a PDF of map pages that you selected overprinted with the trails you selected and followed by PDF pages with details about each trail.

10. Now, print it and go take a hike

## How to add your trails descriptions and photos to the trails database.

When you hover over a trail and click the three dots (...), you will the trails page. Some pages have nice descriptions but some are works in progress. If the information is empty or partial, the page will include the following request: "This trail needs your help. Share your knowledge and photos." Click on the phrase: "Submit Photos and Comments" and you will go to a data input page (shown on the right)

We will review and vet your comments and photos and post them on the trails page as appropriate. We will give you credit for your contribution if you wish.



**MyMapbook**

Thank you for helping to improve the Community Map Book and Website  
Enter your comment below and press the Submit button  
You can also select a photo to upload.

**Trail name: Fairfax Ridge Rd**  
Please complete the form below. If you do not select to be anonymous, we will display your name with your comment and photo. We will not display your email address but we do need it to confirm identity and to contact you if we have questions.  
\*required field. Also please provide the key to assure you are not a robot on our site.  
Thanks, the MyMapbook Team.

Email Address\*

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Make me Anonymous  yes, please

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